

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 379
By Rice

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Joan Gustafson on
being nominated for Tennessee Teacher of the
Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay
tribute to those exemplary teachers who have given unreservedly of themselves to develop this
state's most precious natural resource: our children; and

WHEREAS, Joan Gustafson is one such remarkable person, a voice of integrity in
education; and

WHEREAS, Joan has recently been nominated by Clarksville-Montgomery County for
selecton as Tennessee Teacher of the Year, an honor most befitting her meritorious service to
education and her devotion to the children she teaches; and

WHEREAS, Joan Gustafson teaches a comprehensive development class at Northeast
Elementary for grades 5-8; and

WHEREAS, this exemplary special education teacher has more than 20 years of
experience; and

WHEREAS, Joan tries to involve a student's family in the educational process as much
as possible; she believes it is important to understand where a child is coming from prior to
getting to school; and

WHEREAS, Joan has the opportunity to develop lasting friendships with her students
because they may remain in her class for three to five years; and

WHEREAS, Joan learns individual learning styles and tries to improve weaknesses and enhance strengths; and

WHEREAS, she does not feel successful unless her students are successful; and

WHEREAS, this is the second time Gustafson has been nominated on the county level for state Teacher of the Year; and

WHEREAS, she graciously credits her aide, Lois Markin, with making her job easier; and

WHEREAS, Joan Gustafson's dedication to quality education and the highest ideals of public service is clearly deserving of this legislative body's commendation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby honor Joan Gustafson on being nominated by Clarksville-Montgomery County for selection as Tennessee Teacher of the Year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.